स्मारक टिकटों का जारी किया जाना

1935. **मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वर्ष 1992–93 के दौरान सरकार किन-किन महान व्यक्तियों की याद में विशेष स्मारक टिकटें जारी करने जा रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पी. वी. रंगैया नायडू) : जी हां। वर्ष 1992–93 के दौरान जिन प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तियों की स्मृति में विशेष स्मारक डाक-टिकट जारी किए जाने की संभावना है, उनके नाम इस प्रकार हैं :

1. ऊधम सिंह
2. एस. आर. रंगनाथन
3. मदन लाल ढींगरा
4. खान अब्दुल गफ्फार खान
5. हनुमान प्रसाद पोद्दार
6. पंडित रवि शंकर शुक्ल

Bangalore HC's order about disconnecting Telephones of the Members of T.A.C.

1936. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangalore High Court has recently, passed some order restraining Government from disconnecting the telephones of the members of the Telephone Advisory Committee that was constituted in 1991 and has further directed not to constitute a new Committee;

(b) if so, what are the details of the order;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had reconstituted that New Telephone Advisory Committee;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government would follow the above orders as guidelines in connection with other Telephone Advisory Committees in other States and Metropolitan Cities; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Sir, pending disposal of a Writ Petition, Bangalore High Court has passed an interim order that the constitution of new Telephone Advisory Committee for Bangalore be stayed and that the telephone facilities to the petitioner and other TAC members of the previous TAC constituted in March 1991 be not disconnected.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The previous TAC was reconstituted after review in March 1992.

(e) and (f) Orders of the Bangalore High Court are applicable in this case only and have no bearing on other TACs.

Plight of Extra departmental Staff

1947. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Postal Department continues to employ Extra Departmental Staff in post offices on a ludicrous salary of Rs. 650 per month while regular staff doing the same jobs are paid over Rs. 2000 per month plus many other benefits; and

(b) what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The ED Agents are employed to provide postal facilities in the rural and semi urban areas where opening of Departmental Post Offices cannot

be justified on the basis of traffic and cost effectiveness. They are only part time agents of the Department and are engaged to work between 2 and 5 hours per day. They are paid a consolidated monthly allowance ranging between Rs. 240 and Rs. 620 determined on the basis of their work-load plus dearness allowance. These ED Agents are supposed to have other independent means of livelihood and the emoluments which they earn from the Departmbent is meant to supplement their basic income which they derive from other sources. As they yare only part time agents of the Department and as the Postal functions performed by them are of a very simple nature, they cannot stand comparison with the regular Departmental employees. However, E. D. Agents they are given preferential treatment in the matter of recruitment to the Departmental madres of Postmen and Group 'D' an don appointment to these cadres, they automatically become entitled for all the privilages and facilities available to the Departmental employees.

(b) The Government is constantly making efforts to improve the service conditions of ED Agents and as a result thereof, they are now getting Dearness Allowaance at par with the Departmental employees and are paid bonus on their actual emoluments. They have also been covered under a Group Insurance Scheme with effect from 1st Aril 1992.

Deplorable conditions of the Post Officers in Malaviya Nagar and Yusuf Sarai, New Delhi

1938. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large postal property at sub post offices like Malaviya Nagar and Yusaf Sarai, etc. which are not being adequately exploited;

(b) what is the annual turn over of these two post offices;

(c) whether it is a fact that even the official phones are not functioning in these Post Offices for weeks at a stretch;

(d) whether Government propose to install PCOs and STD phones in these post offices to improve revenue and service; and

(e) whether Government also propose t o install a water cooler in each of these Post Offices for staff and customers and also provide an additional balance for weighing of letter, etc.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) At Malaviya Nagar on the departmental land a post office building has already been constructed.

At Yusuf Sarai, the department has no site.

(b) No profit and loss account is maintained for permanent Post Office.

(c) No, Sir. The official phones of these post offices are functioning satisfactorily.

(d) A PCO is functioning in Yusuf Sarai post office. There is no proposal under consideration to install more PCOs and STD phones in these post offices.

(e) At Yusuf Sarai, post office there is no justification for provision of water cooler. At Malaviya Nagar a water cooler is already available and no additional water cooler is proposed to be provided.

In both the post offices, adequate number of weighing scales are available, and there is no proposal to augment the number.